

REMARKS

Claim 29 is currently pending. Claims 1-28 have been cancelled without prejudice.
Claim 29 is newly added. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 2-3 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Twardawski (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0141316A1). Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kiyomoto *et al.* (U.S. Publication 2002/00853390). Claims 2-3, 11-12 and 28 have been cancelled. Therefore, these rejections are moot.

Claim Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Selkee *et al.* (U.S. Publication 2005/0018435). Claim 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Krietzman *et al.* (U.S. Publication 2002/0030994). Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski as applied to Claim 2 in further view of Ciallella *et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,213,412). Claims 13-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski as applied to Claim 11 in further view of Selkee. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski as applied to claim 13 and in further view of Krietzman *et al.* (U.S. Publication 2002/0030994). Claims 20 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski (U.S. Patent 2004/0141316) in view of Selkee and in further view of Stopa (U.S. Publication 2004/0155844.) Claims 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski in view of Selkee and Stopa as applied to claim 20 and in further view of Rachwal (U.S. Patent 6,140,776). Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Twardawski in view of Selkee and Stopa as applied to claim 20 and in further view of Collins (U.S. Patent 4,342,953). Claims 4-10 and 13-27 have also been cancelled. Therefore, these rejections are also rendered moot.

New Claim

Claim 29 includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in any of the cited prior art; therefore, claim 29 is patentable over the cited art, and Allowance of claim 29 is respectfully solicited.

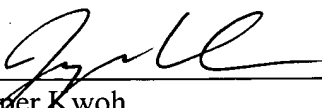
CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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